St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 24th January 2019 at 1730.

Present:	P Carter (PC) M Clarke (MC) P Donne Davis (PDD) G Gaudin (GG) K Hennelly (KH) P Rose (PR) N Wood (NW)	Action
1. Apologies	M Peters (MP), W Simpson (WS). Absent, V Walker (VW) In the absence of WS, NW took the chair.	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	Harbours Master Plan – PDD said publication had been delayed in order to coincide with the States Waterfront Plan. NW said that Myra had advised that the latter had been delayed twice & if not ready by the end of January the Master Plan would be published independently.	
4. AGM Minutes	PDD had circulated the draft minutes of the AGM & it was agreed that he could post them on the website. Actions arising from the meeting: Dinghy cull & possible extension of the St Pier pontoon – WS to discuss with Mike Tait (MT). Wind speed not shown on the Ports website – WS to refer to MT. NW said in the meantime it was available on the States weather site. Elizabeth marina gate – NW said that Geomarine had carried out diving investigation & Myra had informed him that a specialist firm was due in March/April to carry out repairs to the storm gate, which remained out of action. In the meantime, access to the marina was unaffected.	PDD WS WS
5. Chairman's Report	With WS on sick leave, there was no report.	
6. Treasurer's Report	In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report. PDD said that MP expected to have analysed subscriptions paid to produce membership numbers by the next meeting.	
7. Draft letter to CICRA	WS had circulated a draft letter expressing concerns about the slow process in agreeing a pricing format for PoJ & the claims by PoJ that the price freeze since 2016 was impacting on investment in necessary leisure service investment. KH suggested that the membership was not best served by suggesting an	

	immediate fee increase & this was generally agreed. NW understood that CICRA had offered one or more increases below RPI, which PoJ had declined for unknown reasons.	
	It was agreed that the letter should stress the poor condition of St Helier marina, being no longer fit for purpose & being a potential health & safety problem.	
	PDD undertook to pass these amendments to WS.	PDD/WS
8. Any Other Business	St Helier Marina Replacement – PDD had circulated his notes (attached to these minutes) from a presentation on 22nd on the progress of planning & GG, who had attended on 23rd, confirmed the facts with the exception that no vote on the preferred option had been taken at that meeting.	
	"Recommended" dimensions had been applied to channels, pontoons & fingers, but the source of these recommendations was unclear. PDD highlighted that 3 finger widths were proposed, with a minimum of 1m rising to 2m for 13m-16m berths & suggested they could be reduced, to create additional berths. These sizes appeared excessive compared to recent new marinas in St Cast & St Malo.	
	It was agreed that PDD should pass this suggestion to MT.	PDD
	5 Anchor Award – GG had learnt at the meeting that visitors' opinions were not taken into account & the award was solely based on local berth holders. Having since researched the criteria he noted that several requirements appeared not to be met.	
	Boat Park – GG said he had heard that new rules were being introduced that would prevent owners from carrying out work in the boat park. NW said that this derived from significantly higher insurance cover being required, but traders were already at capacity & were unable to take on the extra work. PDD said this issue had been raised at the 22nd meeting & MT had denied that private work would be prohibited.	
	Further information & clarification was needed.	WS
9. Next Meeting & Termination	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 21st February. The meeting was closed at 1840.	